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(d) and (e) The Imports of crude and petroleum products would depend on the prevailing international price of crude/ products, the exchange rate variations and volumes of indigenous production of crude. Besides, completion of the various expansion programmes of existing refineries and some of the grass root refineries would also reduce the import of various petroleum products into the country.

Production in Petroleum Sector

1787. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the projected and actual production in the petroleum sector in the last year; and

(b) what is the projected amount of production in the current financial year and in the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The requisite information is as under:—

	1992-93		1993-94	
	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Eighth Plan Period Projections
Crude Oil (Million tonnes)	28.46	26.95	27.17	169.45
Petroleum Products (million tonnes)	50.79	52.92	52.90	268.00
Natural Gas (billion (Cubic metres)	—	18.06	20.37	125.52

(All figures are provisional/estimated)

LPG Connections in Gujarat

1788. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHAKER DAVE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set any target for releasing LP Gas connections;

(b) if so, whether there is any decrease in the annual target against the requirement of gas connections in Gujarat;

(c) whether Government know the huge backlog of gas connections in Gujarat;

(d) what are the pending applications/ waiting list in Gujarat for such connections;

(e) what steps Governmeent intend to take up to wipe out the huge backlog of gas connections in Gujarat; and

(f) what are the criteria for allocation of Double Gas Connections in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Allotment of new gas connections is not made on State-wise basis. New